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AMENDMENT Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 25, 2007, Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Species B, FIG. 3, for prosecution in this application. FIG. 3 relates to Claim

Applicant makes this election without prejudice and reserves the right to prosecute the remaining Species at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,

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